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Dear Ms. Manzano:

This letter is in response to your correspondence of May 14, 1997 requesting additional information about our Amended September Monthly Report (8/1/96-8/31/96) dated 3/20/97.

In fact, Line 24 of our detailed summary page is correct. The total Independent Expenditure for the month of August was \$70,317.05. I believe that your figure results from totaling every entry on Schedule E. However, because several of the expenditures were charged to American Express we listed them twice; first as an American Express entry, and immediately below as an expense to the entity who provided the service for the Independent Expenditure. Each American Express entry references the specific cost it covered in the "Purpose of Expenditure" block.

If you total our contributions and do not double count the charged entries, \$70,317.05 is the sum for the month. Enclosed is a copy of the report for your reference.

Additionally, thank you for the advice on the use of memo entries. We will be more precise in utilizing them in the future.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Birch
Treasurer